

Humors concerning the alleged decision of the directors of one of the down town banks to discontinue business were current yesterday. The President could not be found, but the Vice President, one of the directors and two of the prominent stockholders, who they knew nothing of such action on the part of the board.

The first number of a weekly, called *The Hour*, has appeared, with Messrs. A. A. Hayes, Jr., and W. F. Talbot as editors. It is a weekly paper, published on Thursdays, editorially, as the London *Standard* and New York *Times* and proposes to cover the whole field of social interests. Among the notable features of the first issue are the reminiscences of the late John Lubbock, the prima donna, whose career is to be continued.